



Division of Laboratory Services
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<https://www.tn.gov/health/health-program-areas/lab.html>

Disease/Agent Suspected or Test Requested:

RPR (Rapid Plasma Reagin)—Syphilis

Provider Requirements	
Acceptable Specimen Sources/Type(s) for Submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Whole, clotted blood• Serum
TDH Requisition Form Number	PH-4182
Media Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Red-stoppered vacuum tube (whole blood)• Sterile, plastic screw capped vial (serum).
Special Instructions	<p>PTBMIS Order Code: 86592 (RPR (Syph Test) Qual. VDRL) StarLIMS Order Code: 3302 (Syphilis Panel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specimens may be stored for up to 3 days at room temperature (20 to 23°C) or up to 7 days at 2-8°C.• If testing will be delayed more than 3 days for specimens stored at room temperature or more than 7 days for specimens stored at 2-8°C, aliquot serum or plasma and store at -20°C or colder.
Shipping Instructions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ship Room Temperature/ambient• If specimen has been refrigerated, ship on cold packs. If specimen is froze, ship on dry ice.
Laboratory Section Performing Testing	Serology
Lab Location(s) Performing Test	Nashville; Knoxville; Memphis

All infectious substance shipments must conform to U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR 49 C.F.R Parts 171-180).